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FDI IN RETAIL
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to carve out retailing into separate categories and allow FDI into the sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has asked the Corporate Affairs Department to prepare a detailed note on organised retail sector;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY(SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) & (b): As per extant policy, no Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) is permitted in retail trading, except Single Brand Retail trading.

(c) to (e): No, Sir. However, the Government has instituted a study to assess the impact of organized retailing on unorganized retail trade through Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER). Government has also commissioned a study to the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) on Growth linkages of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in India which would focus on the impact of FDI on rural economy. The final reports are yet to be submitted by these organisations.